

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee held Monday, October 22, 2012 at 6:35 P.M. at the Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.**

**PRESENT: Andrea Hall, Colleen Joubert and Christine Mulligan**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Robyn Volpini was excused.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Cindy Carlozzi of Pascoag, applicant to the Rubbish & Recycling Committee asked questions as to the nature of the committee. An overview of the Committee's purpose and activities was given.**

**1. VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 23, 2012; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.**

**Motion by Andrea Hall. Seconded by Christine Mulligan. The vote was unanimous by the three members present.**

**2. Discussion of Committee vacancy**

**VOTED to recommend the Screening Subcommittee appoint Cynthia Carlozzi to the Rubbish & Recycling Committee.**

**Motion by Colleen Joubert. Seconded by Christine Mulligan. The vote was unanimous by the three members present.**

**3. Discussion/action relative to regular meeting schedule**

**There was discussion of whether there was a need to meet sooner than the next scheduled meeting of January 28, 2013. The December meeting was cancelled due to the Christmas holiday. No additional meetings were scheduled.**

#### **4. Discussion of organizational changes to DPW/Parks & Recreation**

**Andrea Hall stated that the Department of Public Works and the Recreation Department have merged. She will now hold a full-time position as Recycling Coordinator/Recreation Programs Coordinator. As such she will be working recycling themes into programs wherever possible. Upcoming events were discussed.**

**Andrea Hall also stated that she is accepting ideas for new programs and has created a survey to find out what programs residents would like to see.**

#### **5. Update on Automated transition/new trucks**

**Andrea Hall reported that there is currently one natural gas truck running in town and the next two will begin in December. All feedback on Automated has been good.**

#### **6. Discussion of RIRRC profit sharing and grants**

**Andrea Hall stated that the rules for profit sharing have changed and**

**all funds must now be used for recycling programs. Additionally, \$5,000 matching grants will be awarded specifically for recycling in public places, expanding a recycling center, or recycling at events, all of which are part of the Town's goals.**

## **7. Discussion of recycling/solid waste statistics**

**Recycling is at 31% so far for October compared to 29% in August. Solid waste tonnage is declining and recycling tonnage is increasing. A comparison of tipping fees for August and September versus last year shows we have saved \$3,622.72.**

## **8. Discussion of adding condos and businesses to town recycling program**

**Andrea Hall met with Waste Management to discuss logistics. Businesses would pay Waste Management directly for recycling service. Bars and restaurants will be targeted first.**

**Condos are more complicated due to associations and town regulations. Andrea is working with the Town Planner on a list of condos and which ones are on town accepted roads.**

## **9. Discussion of recycling participation in Burrillville schools**

**Field trips to RIRRC are being planned with the high school students**

and three other classes. Maxman will be making a trip to Levy School.

**10. Review and discuss items proposed for future meetings**

- Upcoming events – Whipple Avenue grand reopening and EcoDepot/Shred event
- Placing trash and recycling containers in certain public areas such as the bike path
- Creation of a “Green Team” to pick up litter around town

**11. VOTED to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.**

**Motion by Colleen Joubert. Seconded by Christine Mulligan. The vote was unanimous by the three members present.**

**Christine Mulligan, Secretary**

**Minutes Approved    Date:\_\_\_\_\_**